

# AMA-CHEWER

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## THE PRESIDENT REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE NATION

Four of the thirty-three presidents of this country have died in office, one was impeached, two were assassinated, two experienced attempted assassination and one tried to commit suicide - but here I go!

During the coming year much can and will happen. I sincerely hope that activity and interest in our club gets the attention it deserves. Maybe you have not actually said it but I am sure that you feel as I do - "I am proud of this club." Your regular attendance will make it even better. It's mighty easy to miss church next Sunday - if you didn't go last Sunday (I find) and it's easy to go to Radio Club next Friday if you went last Friday. Program material for the coming year has every promise of creating a growing interest. A series of contests and activities are planned and will offer each of us something that is sure to be of interest. If you have not been to club for sometime, make a New Year's resolution and start coming again. You will find that the programs are worth the effort. Furthermore, we think that your active interest in participation will be a benefit to you, the others and the club in general.

A. F. Pittman



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Mail or phone items of interest on your doings or what you have heard on the air to the above address so that it may be written up for the next issue of our club paper.

## ADVERTISING MANAGER

None at present but perhaps the naming of one would enable this paper to become more self supporting. In the meantime you can buy three lines for two bits, a half a page, or a full page or pages. Send them to the editor or give to the secretary, T. G. Lucas at a club meeting.

## PROGRAMS

Ray Forbes, W9HNS,	1146 Reid Pl.	MA 6078
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Call either of these two fellows if you have a program that you have to put on at club, have heard a good program that you think would be good at club and is available to us. Contact them if you have a program you would like to hear and perhaps they can contact someone to present just such a program. Your wants made known to these fellows will enable them to secure the type of programs that you want to hear.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

To be named. With or without a committee, you, as a member, are one of the committee so if you have a ham friend or one who is interested in becoming a ham, bring him to meeting and if he likes our club be sure to see that he gets an application blank to make out for becoming a member of the Indianapolis Radio Club Inc., the oldest club in the United States, the only club in the City of Indianapolis consisting of HAMS and THE club for you to belong to.

## NEW MEMBER

We take pleasure in welcoming the latest member of the Indianapolis Radio Club. Inc.

Don Hammer, 2001 N. Lynhurst Dr. Indpls. Ind.

At next club meeting step up to him and introduce yourself, he is looking for a ticket and your help may be the help that he needs. Again, Welcome to our club Don.

## MEETINGS

Meetings of the club are held at the Northeast Community Center at 3306 East 30th St. (30th and LaSalle Sts.) It can be reached by the Crosstown bus line, by the Brightwood feeder bus, or by walking 5 squares West from the Brightwood trolley line from 30th and Sherman Drive. Let Us see you at our next meeting. Meetings called to order at 8:00 PM. Everyone is welcome.



To Roger Budrow, writer of Indpls News column "Business".

It isn't often that a heading is addressed to an individual in our club paper but, "We have done been accused of something." Mr. Budrow perhaps in simple faith of something that someone else had written or said put the blame on the Amateur in his column for TVI (Television Interference). This, Mr. Budrow, as you have by now probably recognized, is not the one to put the blame on. There are so many things, including perhaps, a source of interference right in the set owners own home that can cause interference which when by uninformed sources is blamed on the "Ham" does nothing but give him a black eye because whether or not his station is on the air any noise or pictured pattern is always in the future blamed on that "Ham". Such careless remarks do so much harm and are only a means of making someone a scapegoat and as such do much to harm the Amateur who is striving to better himself and his equipment at all times.

You have by now no doubt read the magazine article treating TVI causes and cures to which you were referred and are a better informed writer as a result. We all make mistakes and you have admitted yours but such items are a source of concern to all the licensed Amaterus and correct technical references rather than hearsays are more to our liking so that the entire matter is clear.

Now that you have felt our bite why not come out to one of our meetings some time and see those that bit in righteous wrath. In the meantime help up to prevent such blanket accusations from sources that are not familiar with the problem.

#### CODE SCHOOL

Arsenal Technical Night School is again listing the Code and Theory class for the next session of Night School. If you registered for the last school, which was not held because of insufficient registration, you should procede to register again as your past registration is not carried forward. Enroll now and up to Jan. 24th. Your early registration will secure the class and make possible this introduction to radio theory and radio code leading to a ham ticket or the start of a commercial ticket. REGISTER NOW. A notice that you can post on your plant or office bulletin board is included at the end of this issue of Amachewer, tear it out and post it on your board so that those that want to go to this calss can learn about the date and place.

#### CLUB DUES

The Board of Directors sets the dues for the year at their first meeting. This year it is proposed that the dues of the club be set at \$.50 a month or \$5.00 a year if paid by the year. Discussion was held at club concerning this raise and no opposition was raised. It is held that as a result of raising the dues that eats could be held oftener (MCNay take notice) and thus draw the gang together more firmly as eats always seems to bring out the crowd. It was furthur proposed that anyone in high school belonging to the club should continue to pay at the old rate of \$3.00 a year. All in all it seems that the raise used as proposed would make your club more valuable to you, give you more, and be better in the long run. If you disagree, see your director because the raise hasn't been acted upon as yet but will soon be as the dues as provided by the constitution must be set by the Board and the Board meeting is this month.



Other suggested used for the increase were that more contests be held and prizes be offered by the club. As it is, the increased operating costs that every club as well as our own faces makes it impossible to do much out of the ordinary unless more money is coming into the treasury.

#### SUGGESTIONS

Suggestions, turned into the editor for you to think over and act upon if you see fit.

Prize to be given to any club member showing the greatest count of ham stations that he has visited in a given period.

Contest to work club members from your home station or just other local verified local contacts, verified by sending the QSL card to the club address for forwarding to the contacted station.

Suggested that everyone send or bring one of their QSL cards to the club and that they be posted on a bulletin board.

For the 10 meter contact with Panama, Jim Daily is requested to contact Bob Flanders, or Roland Boughton.

Veterans project of the club. It has been learned and is being investigated that there several hams at the Veterans Cold Springs Road Hospital who want to get on the air but lack the means. If it is found to be true then the club will start at once to furnish equipment and get it together so that they can operate out there.

#### BARGAINS - MEETING

Kiefer Stewart at 122 S. Senate has a lot of Millen new equipment that they are closing out at 33 1/3 % off. Drop in and buy the lot or what you want.

A joint meeting of the Indpls Radio Club and the AIEE is being scheduled in April. The subject will be the Coaxial television cable.

#### CONTEST CONTEST CONTEST CONTEST CONTEST

Time if you hurry to get into the club contest of home built test equipment. Remember that the contest closes Friday Feb. 17th, 1950, just one month away. Dig in a little harder and put the spit and polish on that gear that you are readying for the contest. Under the rules as set up it isn't necessary that the apparatus that you have be just recently built up but rather that it be home built test equipment. Get into high gear, prepare the equipment, prepare your presentation, and be sure to turn in your entry blank so that you can compete in the contest. For your convenience another entry blank is included in this issue of Amatech. Clip it out now and fill it in and get to the club secretary so that your entry will be considered.

Prizes given so far are listed.

Van Sickle Radio, 102 S. Penn. Model 1168 RF section of transmitter, contains 3-815's. An 8333 xtal makes operate on 6 meters.

Kiefer Stewart Co. Appliance Div. One Centry Model 915 Electro-Voice Microphone.

Meunier Radio Supply, 521 N. Illinois St. A voltohmmeter.

Howard Severied, W9DPL A HV 18 transmitting tube.



## ADDRESSING

This issue of Amachewer goes out hand addressed again. As you may know by the club has through the generosity of Mr. Angus, become the owner of an Elliot addressing machine which will speed up the addressing of our mailings as well as making them more legible (apologies to our past addressers). Ye editors typewriter wouldn't handle the cards used so the club has voted to have the cards made up by Elliot. This now in the process so your next issue of Amachewer should be addressed by machine. Ye ed hopes that this issue of your paper turns out a little better too as he has just this day turned the platen of his portable with which your rag is turned out so it is hoped that a better stencil will be cut which should in turn make a better appearing paper for your perusal.

## HAM PUBLICITY

In the Jan. 1950 issue of Woman's Day, available at your A & P store on page 10 you will find an Amateur article, "Listen Here." What makes this all the more interesting is that LeRoy Waggoner, W9YMV late of ARRL helped to collect the material for the authors use. If you get arround to the A & P store this month invest 5¢ and read about yourself as seen by an outsider (assisted by an insider HI).

Along that line or somewhat close is the list of Ind. clubs that has been sent to ye ed by W9FJI of the Evansville TriState Club. This list of clubs was furnished by the ARRL and numbers some 17 besides our own. Soon a trial issue of Amachewer will be forwarded to them.

## CONTRIBUTED

James Sugioka sho has the call W9CKB with equipment located at headquarters of the The United Christian Missionary Society now has the call W9IXR issued to himself for his home address at 5452 University Ave. Indpls. Tele. BL 2839. Jim operates command set type xmtrs on 80 and 40 meters at home, while a Hallicrafters HT-6 rig is in use at his business address.

On Wed. 28th Dec. 1949 Dick Mays 925 Somerset Ave. (Speedway City) received a letter without postage on it, it was from the FCC with the license and call W9JAY, a sort of delayed Christman present he says. First QSO was with W9DPL on 7210 KC CW the next morning at 8:45. Dick is a RR train crew employee and is starting ouw with a home-made xmtr consisting of 6V6 xtal osc and 807 PA and already is thinging of increasing power by adding PP 807 RF PA stage to the present rig. Ant. is folded dipole made up from 300 ohn twin-lead. Rcvr is a command set type BC454 unit. B4 getting his call the rcvr was converted to band spread action and the xmtr checked out at W9DPL's place.

Howard Severeid W9DPL is no longer connected with the job he has been with the past few years. He started at Esterline Angus at Speedway on the 3rd of Jan. 1950.

DPL reports that his log for 1949 shows activity on SEVEN of the assigned ham bands. The same Xmtr used on 160-80-40-20-11-10 meters. Operation on 160 meters, both phone and CW started just b4 Smas. good reports being received from Texas, Neb. and Ill. as well as in Ind. (He asks when the 15 meter band opens. What a bander! HI)

Club member Glenn Everingham recently sold his NC-183 receiver and PanAdaptor and came up with a new television set and now plans on building a sixty foot steel tower from angle iron for DX TV sigs.



In these days of modern communications via amateur radio, the well informed operator may find it desirable to have information on the exact geographical location of his operating location. Such information might be applied in arranging a schedule with some rare DX station where use of a rotary beam is involved. It might be of aid in settling a discussion as to exact distances of signals being worked or heard during unusual VHF activities. You may be wishing for such dope. IRC members are advised that Tompls is Latitude 39 degrees 46 minutes 07 seconds and Longitude 86 degrees 09 minutes 46 seconds. Why not paste this info on your world map, inside your call or log book so you will have it when you want it.

(This one ye editor indorese to the fullest )  
New Year's resolutions are now in order. Different habits will be formed, others may be abandoned. How about each member making a mental resolution to honestly try to give out whenever possible with a little (Ed or a lot) more information about activities which could be put into print in the columns of AMACHEWER. Just hand in the rough notes to the editor, he can and would willingly edit them if he only has something to work with. What new gear is acquired, either home-made or bought from a commercial source, changes in equipment being used, unusual situations encountered over the air, just anything of interest of your fellow amateur operators, either regarding your own activities or those of someone else who is too modest to blow his own bugle.

Resolved, to interest other licensed hams and persons who are interested in amateur radio operations, in coming out to meetings of the Indianapolis Radio Club, as your guest, and when they attend, to greet them and make them feel at home, and help with any problems they may have and to make them want to attend often and to become members. (Ed, just what I have been trying to put across for a long time.)

Sudden Thought: With a new year of swell programs and activities sponsored by the Indpls Radio Club now coming up, how about a register of names, to be signed every meeting night by all members present, and at the end of the year a prize to be given to the three members (exclusive of officers) most faithful in attendance. (Ed. why leave the officers out?)

Quite often a job or position opens up which might be right in the line wanted or needed by some member of the Indpls Radio Club. Part time work can be used by some members. Whenever such an opportunity presents itself, why not think first of some one who attends club who could handle the work, and approach him or turn in his name to the prospective employer, or have some one tip him off about this proposed job. Employer and employee will both benefit and you will have the inner satisfaction of knowing that you helped things along yourself. (Ed. Sounds good and it is true that usually you will find that one attending club meetings is well rounded and better fitted for a job than one who isn't exposed to the variety of subjects covered at club).

It would be interesting for Amachewer to start a series of "Thumb-Nail" sketches of various members of the club. Each issue published could have a little write-up of maybe ten or fifteen lines on two or three of the members. This could be started anytime, and you could collaborate with a couple of the other boys in getting up the required information and in delivering it to the editor. Since Amachewer is read practically exclusively by members of the amateur fraternity and their families items of interest to such a group of readers should readily present themselves. A sample listing might include a fellows



name and call, address and phone number, type of work he is now doing what he has done in the past or any ambitions he might have, and mention other hobbies he might hold interesting. Mention of his family ties, the kind of equipment he uses for xmtg and rcvng and antennas would be of interest. Mention of whether his chief interest is working DX, in experimenting, how long he has had a call, etc. This is always of interest to the membership and the readers of Amachewer. Lots of times you will find some fellow who has lived where you used to live and who knows mutual acquaintances, or who has worked at some effort which you yourself have tried or wish to enter, or who could be of help to you in a technical way. If such interesting items are listed and given a little publicity, it can be done. Who will be the first to turn in a sketch? (Ed. Send them in, the paper is yours.)

How about a friendly contest among members of the Indpls Radio Club throughout the coming year of 1950 to see which member can contact the most other members of this club? Either radiophone or CW or both could be used. Any band in the amateur assignments to be used. an extra commendation to the boys who work each other on several bands instead of just one of them. Progress of the contacts could be published each month, stating likely operating hours and frequencies where you could find active IRC members and thus increase your total of members worked.

Ye Ed is grateful for the above contributed by W9DPL and just hopes that more of you may do as he has done so that when ye ed calls himself ad ed that it will mean just that instead of an author. Ed.

If you have followed this far and not found a program listing pse be advised that this issue carries no program. Next issue of Amachewer will carry the programs as arranged by the program committee.

## CODE AND RADIO THEORY CLASS TECH NIGHT SCHOOL

THE INDIANAPOLIS RADIO CLUB IS SPONSERING SECOND SEMESTER RADIO THEORY AND CODE PRACTICE SESSIONS AT ARSENAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT CLASSES

Registration is being accepted now at Tech office and will continue until Jan. 24th. If sufficient registrants are secured classes will start then. Register now to assure class being formed. Learn Fundamental Radio Theory and International Morse Code necessary for Radio License.

Tear this notice out and post on bulletin boards wherever there is a possibility of any one that has been asking for this class. Quite a few of the first class should be still interested and they perhaps have talked others into attending the second semester.



## IRC CONTEST

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INDIANAPOLIS RADIO CLUB CONTEST  
HOME BUILT TEST EQUIPMENT

Contestant \_\_\_\_\_

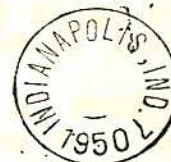
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Description of test equipment entered \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name or use)

Date of filing registration \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in the above and file with the club secretary so that you may  
be assowed and allotted time to present your entry as set out in the  
rules governing the contest.

TEAR OUT AND FILE TO ENTER CONTEST



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